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SUBJECT: ABUSE OF CONSULAR OFFICER

REF: (A) MEXICO 1225; (B) STATE 17209; (C) PERKINS TO
MCANINCH MEMORANDUM JAN. 12.

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THE ACTION PROPOSED IN EMBTEL
(REFERENCE A) ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IN THE FUTURE,
SHOULD A CONSULAR OFFICER BE ABUSED, OR HAVE HIS BRIEFCASE
SEARCHED, OR IN ANY WAY BE TREATED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES
AT ANY LEVEL IN A MANNER NOT REPEAT NOT CONSISTENT WITH
THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS PARTICULARLY
ARTICLES 33 AND 40, THE EMBASSY WILL IMMEDIATELY MAKE
STRONG ORAL AND WRITTEN FORMAL PROTEST AT HIGH LEVEL.

2. IN THIS REGARD, THE DEPARTMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED
REGARDING BODY SEARCHES AND THE "INSPECTION" OF CONSULAR
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OFFICER'S BRIEFCASE BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY SHOULD
INSTRUCT ALL CONSTITUENT POSTS THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE CONSULAR OFFICERS TO PERMIT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO
SEARCH THEIR PERSONS, THEIR BRIEFCASES, OR HAND BAGS, ETC.

3. SHOULD THE AUTHORITIES INSIST THAT SUCH A SEARCH IS
NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR THE CONSULAR OFFICER TO VISIT

IMPRISONED AMCITS, THE OFFICER SHOULD POINT OUT THE
PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION. IF THE AUTHORITIES
REMAIN ADAMANT THE CONSULAR OFFICER SHOULD TERMINATE THE
VISIT AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE INCIDENT TO HIS SUPERIORS
IF ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY OR TO THE EMBASSY AND THE
DEPARTMENT IF ASSIGNED TO A CONSTITUENT POST. CASES ARISING
IN THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR DISTRICT SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED
TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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